Master of Laws (LLM)

With a nationally renowned faculty, a rich and diverse curriculum, myriad opportunities for professional training, and the expansive resources of a world-class research university, Illinois Law features a first-rate LLM program designed to introduce international students to the U.S. legal system.

Benefits

- LLM students enjoy a fully integrated educational experience, where they learn alongside JD students.
- The curriculum offers a blend of doctrinal law, theoretical perspectives, and real-world skills. Students take core classes that provide a strong foundation in essential elements of legal practice and have the freedom to choose from nearly 150 course offerings.
- Students have the opportunity to specialize in their own area of academic or professional interest. Illinois has a worldwide reputation in several areas of strength:
 - Business and Law
 - Criminal Law
 - Family Law, Health Law, and Torts
 - Government and Law
 - Environmental Law
 - Public Interest
 - Technology and Intellectual Property (IP) Law
- LLM students are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities that will prepare them for legal practice, including clinics, competitions, trial advocacy, student organizations, pro bono, and over 100 lectures and events.

Flexible LLM Program

Spring or Fall Start:

Most students begin the program in the fall semester (August). Limited applications are accepted to begin in the spring semester (January).

2 or 3 Semester Option:

Students may elect to complete the LLM program in 2 or 3 semesters. This allows students the flexibility to customize a program of study, enjoy greater internship opportunities, and benefit from more time to study for the bar exam.

Application Requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree, LLB, or equivalent degree. The bachelor's degree need not be in law. Application requirements include:

- · Completed application
- Résumé
- Statement of purpose
- Certified transcripts and credentials
- At least one letter of reference
- TOEFL or IELTS score reported from ETS or IELTS (or a Duolingo English Test score from February 1, 2020 through August 1, 2023)
- Copy of passport page

PARTNER SCHOOLS



\$34,500 scholarship awarded to students nominated by our partner schools.

NO APPLICATION FEE!





Student Experiences



Alanna Román Abreu, Dominican Republic

"With nationally recognized faculty and an extensive and innovative curriculum, UIUC provided me with the legal foundation and real-world skills I was looking for in an LLM program. Particularly, the Chicago Program offered me the incredible opportunity to learn from several alumni and practitioners about the actual practice of law. This experience helped me enhance my problem-solving and communication skills and provided me with a strong support network. The whole experience at Illinois Law has been the best combination of theoretical knowledge, hands-on legal experience, and memories to treasure for a lifetime."



Patrobas Sirabo Wafula, Uganda

"After admission, I found that the administrative staff walks this journey with you, and the professors spare nothing to answer questions, shape arguments, and guide your conceptualization of the law. In class, there is such a complimentary spirit, as opposed to an adversarial or competitive spirit, and everyone is looking to mutually grow and support each other. No one laughs at unconventional answers, and everyone is willing to share their resources with you if you ask. After graduation, I will miss the calm of the town, the cold and snow, the great hospitality, and the friendships I've built."



Agung Prabowo, Indonesia

"The atmosphere at the school is competitive yet collegial at the same time. The courses are designed to equip myself with practical lawyering skill to address real world issues. The school also offers various opportunities and resources to help students to develop our skills and networks or to plan our future after graduation, whether in the form of workshops, competitions, networking events, or job interview opportunities."